## **CHAPTER 85**

## RURAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

H.F. 746

**AN ACT** providing procedures for a rural water district to transfer its right to provide water or wastewater service and for dissolution of the district.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 357A.11, Code 2005, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

<u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 13. In addition to all other powers granted to the board, the board may sell, convey, merge, or otherwise dispose of all or any portion of the real property or personal property of the district and all or any portion of the district's right to provide water or wastewater service to an area in order that another service provider permitted by the department of natural resources pursuant to chapter 455B may assume any or all of the district's duties and obligations or that the district may be dissolved. If the district is to be dissolved, the board shall file a notice of dissolution with the auditor of the county or counties in which the district is located.

Prior to such sale, conveyance, merger, or disposition by the board that includes the relinquishment of the district's right to provide service to an area, the board shall publish notice of a public hearing not less than four nor more than twenty days before the date fixed for the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area for which the board seeks to relinquish service. The board shall mail notice of a public hearing to the district's members in the area for which the board seeks to relinquish service not less than fourteen days prior to such public hearing. A public hearing is not required when the board relinquishes the district's right to service an area within the corporate limits of a city if the city will provide service in compliance with the city's annexation plan.

After hearing or if none is required, the board may adopt a resolution approving the sale, conveyance, merger, or disposition; however, the board shall provide for the continuation of water or wastewater service to the area by another service provider immediately following such sale, conveyance, merger, or disposition.

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## **CHAPTER 86**

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION — WAIVER AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

H.F. 754

**AN ACT** relating to a homestead exemption waiver notice contained in a written contract affecting agricultural land.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 561.22, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows: 561.22 NOTICE OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WAIVER REQUIREMENT.

1. a. If Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a homestead exemption waiver is